

In claim 14, line 1, after "Claim 12", kindly delete "or Claim 13".

In claim 17, line 1, after "Claim 15", kindly delete "or Claim 16".

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18. (Amended) A vector which contains at least one copy of a nucleotide sequence as claimed in [any of Claims 1-8] Claim 1.

In claim 20, line 2, after "Claim 9", kindly delete "or Claim 10".

In claim 21, line 2, after "Claim 15", kindly delete "or Claim 16".

**REMARKS**

Prior to examination of the application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment. The specification has been amended to insert the cross reference to related applications and list the priority applications. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

No fee is believed due in connection with the present amendment. In the event a fee is deemed due, authority is hereby given to charge any such deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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